



**News Flash** – A HIPAA 5010 Special Edition MLN Matters provider education article is now available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0904.pdf> on the CMS website. This Special Edition article alerts providers regarding the implementation of HIPAA 5010 which presents substantial changes in the content of the data that providers submit with their claims as well as the data available to them in response to their electronic inquiries and outlines how providers need to plan for implementation of these changes.

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## Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 15.3, Effective October 1, 2009

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians submitting claims to Medicare Carriers and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 6587, which provides a reminder for physicians to take note of the quarterly updates to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits. The last quarterly release of the edit module was issued in July 2009.

### Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) developed the National Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) to promote national correct coding methodologies and to control improper coding that leads to inappropriate payment in Part B claims.

The coding policies developed are based on coding conventions defined in the:

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- American Medical Association's (AMA's) *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Manual*;
- National and local policies and edits;
- Coding guidelines developed by national societies;
- Analysis of standard medical and surgical practice; and by
- Review of current coding practice.

The latest package of CCI edits, Version 15.3, is effective October 1, 2009, and includes all previous versions and updates from January 1, 1996, to the present.

## Additional Information

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Additional information about CCI, including the current CCI and MEC edits, is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd> on the CMS website.

The CCI and MEC file formats are defined in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 23, Section 20.9, which can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c23.pdf> on the CMS website. The official instruction (CR 6587) issued to your carrier and A/B MAC, RHHI regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1785CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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